UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

JORGE CAMPOS-REYES,

Petitioner.

V.

Case No. 8:20-cv-2789-T-02JSS

SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

Respondent.		

ORDER

Mr. Campos-Reyes, a Florida prisoner, initiated this action by filing a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Doc. 1) in which he challenges multiple drug trafficking convictions entered in 2007 in Hernando County, Florida. Because the petition was filed after the enactment date of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (hereinafter "AEDPA"), it is governed by the provisions thereof. *See Wilcox v. Singletary*, 158 F.3d 1209, 1210 (11th Cir. 1998), *cert. denied*, 531 U.S. 840 (2000). The AEDPA contains several habeas corpus amendments, one of which established a "gatekeeping" mechanism for the consideration of "second or successive habeas corpus applications" in the federal courts, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b). *See Stewart v. Martinez-Villareal*, 523 U.S. 637, 641-42 (1998). Section 2244(b) provides, in pertinent part, that before a second or successive application for habeas corpus relief is "filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application." 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A).

Mr. Campos-Reyes previously sought federal habeas relief in this Court regarding the convictions he challenges in this action. *See Campos-Reyes v. Secretary, Department of Corrections*,

Case No. 8:12-cv-2531-T-30AEP (M.D.Fla.) (petition denied November 14, 2012). Therefore, the

instant petition is a successive petition challenging the convictions. Consequently, pursuant to Section

2244(b)(3), Mr. Campos-Reyes was required to obtain authorization from the Eleventh Circuit Court

of Appeals prior to initiating this action. See Medina v. Singletary, 960 F.Supp. 275, 277-78 (M.D. Fla.

1997) (and cases cited therein). He has not, however, alleged or shown that the court of appeals has

authorized this Court to consider his petition. Accordingly, the Court is without jurisdiction to

consider the petition, and this case must be dismissed to allow Mr. Campos-Reyes the opportunity to

seek said authorization.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that the petition (Doc. 1) is **DISMISSED** without prejudice. The

Clerk of the Court is directed to send Mr. Campos-Reyes the Eleventh Circuit's application form for

second or successive habeas corpus petitions under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b) and close this case.

DONE and ORDERED in Tampa, Florida, on December 9, 2020.

WILLIAM F. JUNG

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

SA: sfc

Copy to: Jorge Campos-Reyes, pro se

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² See Wells v. AG, 2012 U.S. App. LEXIS 7542, at *4 (11th Cir. Apr. 16, 2012) (unpublished) (district court must dismiss second or successive § 2254 petition for lack of jurisdiction unless the prisoner has obtained an order from court of appeals authorizing the district court to consider it).

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